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ORR Diary, 6 August 1951 (AD/RR information unless otherwise stated)

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AD/RR: The AD/RR and Mr. [REDACTED] MET WITH Mr. R. D. Searles, UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR to DISCUSS THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AND THE ROLE OF THE INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS COMMITTEE. (1/2 hr) (6 August)

D/A: Mr. C. K. Nichols, Department of DEFENSE, and Mr. John A. Garrett, Department of COMMERCE, contacted Mr. [REDACTED] for INFORMATION AS TO THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF MAGNESIUM SILICATE (TALC) TO THE SOVIET BLOC. Mr. [REDACTED] advised Mr. Garrett that the information assembled to date does not support the proposal to downgrade this commodity from US List I (embargo) to List C (moderate quantitative control). (1/2 hr) (3 August) 25X1A9a

25X1A9a Mr. John A. Garrett, Department of COMMERCE, asked Mr. [REDACTED] to DETERMINE CIA's POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE PHOSPHOR COMPOUNDS FOR CONTROL PURPOSES and to advance their strategic rating from US List II B to US List I A, with recommendations to propose same for International List I. Based on information developed by Dr. Neely from specialists in ORR and OSI, Mr. [REDACTED] ADVISED Mr. Garrett THAT THERE IS INTELLIGENCE TO SUPPORT THE UPGRADING, but that the new definition was too restrictive. Mr. Garrett stated that the definition would be broadened to include the strategic uses pointed out by CIA. (1/2 hr) (3 August) 25X1A9a

D/I: Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of D/I interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] of FID concerning PRIORITY FOR TRANSLATION OF SOVIET BOOKS AND PERIODICALS PERTAINING TO THE TRACTOR AND AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY. It was decided that the rewards would not justify the expense of translating entire Soviet textbooks on automotive construction. Volume X of the Soviet-published Machinebuilding Encyclopedic Handbook was studied as an example in forming this conclusion. (1/2 hr) (3 August) 25X1A9a

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we no longer wanted such reports unless sources suspected the probability of transshipment to Soviet bloc countries. (1/2 hr) (3 August)

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D/M: Mr. [REDACTED] CALLED a MEETING of the COMMITTEE ON MP-35 including representatives of D/M, D/R, the Military Services and State. It is indicated that MOST OF THE WORK WILL BE IN TENTATIVE DRAFT FORM BY 10 AUGUST. (1 hr) (3 August)

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D/S: Messrs. [REDACTED] (S/TR) were contacted by Lt. R. D. Barendsen of STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS TEAM (SIRA), AV-1, Department of National Defense, to OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE CHINESE COMMUNIST MERCHANT FLEET. (2 hrs) (3 August)

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D/G: Mr. [REDACTED] conferred with [REDACTED] OPC, on AIR PHOTO AND MAP COVERAGE IN [REDACTED] in light of OPC field requirements and potential CIA support for additional air photography for mapping. (1 hr) (4 August)

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Mr. [REDACTED] had a telephone conversation with Mr. [REDACTED] of the BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES concerning the DEFINITION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF LIBYA. (1/4 hr) (3 August)

Balance of ORR - Nothing to report

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